

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
October 11, 1963

The University Senate met at 2pm, Friday, October 11, 1963, President Carroll presiding.

Inasmuch as the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed, they were not read and were approved without objection.

Mr. Wolfgang H. Kraus, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reminded the Senate of the late Professor Fred S. Tupper's significant contributions to the University, particularly in the formation of the University Senate and faculty self-government. Mr. Kraus moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to draft a formal resolution on behalf of the Senate to be entered on the record of the Senate and transmitted to Professor Tupper's widow. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Kraus read the following statement of the English Department:

"We, the members of the Department of English of The George Washington University, take the occasion of our first meeting in the new academic year to express formally our sorrow at the loss of our esteemed colleague, Fred Salisbury Tupper. For twenty-seven years he personified for us, and enriched with his own unique creativity, the tradition of exact scholarship and humane wisdom. His insight and ingenuity have helped to shape every level of our academic program, notably through the well-known report that led to a reorganization of the liberal arts curriculum; and also his excellent name will always be especially associated with two of our own courses, the proseminar for seniors majoring in English Literature, and the course in Shakespeare, through which his influence has perennially extended far beyond the limits of our one Department. He was a scholar who made permanently valuable contributions to learning, an academic statesman of rare vision and skill, a beloved teacher of many college generations, and a true and loyal friend to every member of the University, particularly to us in the Department of English, who daily had the joy of his companionship. We shall not look upon his like again."

The Senate rose for a moment of silence in memory of Professor Tupper.

Mr. Harold F. Bright, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that Dr. Charles S. Wise of the School of Medicine had been selected to replace Nels D. Nelson, who has resigned from the Executive Committee because of a duplicate membership from Columbian College. He moved that the Senate accept this nomination, Mr. Roderic H. Davison seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kraus directed the attention of the Senate to the list of nominations for committees of the Senate which had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. R. H. Davison moved that the nominations be approved, Mr. Bright seconded the motion, and the nominations were approved after the following changes had been indicated as desirable and no objection had been raised: Admiral O. S. Colclough will be listed as Dean of Faculties in his ex officio capacity on certain committees and Mr. John A. Brown, Jr., Vice President for Plans and Resources, will replace Mr. C. Max Farrington, Assistant to the President (Special Projects), as an ex officio member of the Committee on University Objectives.

Washington University offers four fields, Diplomatic History, International Economics, International Law and Diplomacy, and Cultural Anthropology. Dean Woodruff stated that very close contact is maintained between the University resident faculty and the faculty resident at the War Colleges. He noted that, since the University program was initiated, there has been increased emphasis on the length and quality of the thesis required by each War College. He further noted that the University program has had a substantial impact on the War Colleges and that response from officers who have participated in the program has been most favorable. A brief period followed during which Dean Woodruff answered questions of Senate members. Mr. Kraus expressed the appreciation of the Senate to Dean Woodruff and noted with particular satisfaction that his presentation had included a discussion of problem areas of potentially great interest to all schools and divisions of the University.

President Carroll directed the attention of the Senate to an article in the Washington Post, December 13, 1963, entitled "Graduate Schools' 'Isolation' Attacked." He quoted charges made by Louis W. Norris, president of Albion College, Victor L. Butterfield, president of Wesleyan University, and Howard F. Lowry, president of the College of Wooster, at the annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools, as follows:

"Graduate schools are becoming centers for clusters of near-sighted scholars who feverishly pursue their own narrow interests without regard for the broad questions of society."

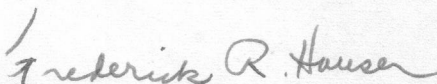
"Norris called on graduate schools to become 'unified and inclusive intellectual communities,' that give students 'an organic relation to the total world.'"

"Lowry said graduate schools are not telling the truth when they say they want liberally educated students instead of those who have specialized during their undergraduate years."

"They expect the students they accept to already know everything about the subjects they have come to learn," he said. Graduate departments are 'putting more and more pressure' on colleges to force students to forego broad training for early specialization."

President Carroll suggested that these charges raised some questions which might appropriately be studied by the Committee on Educational Policy.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.


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Secretary of the Senate